

Electrification of Managalore - Shoranur

4097. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had conducted the techno-economical survey for Electrification programme on the Mangalore-Shoranur section of Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on said section is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

ISD/STD/PCO Facilities at Tourist Spots in Bihar

4098. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ISD/STD/PCO facilities have been provided at all the tourist centres in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where this facility is not available; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to provide this facility to all the tourist centres?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Sir, 19 out of 33 tourist centres in Bihar are provided STD/ISD/PCO facilities. The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(d) The remaining tourist centres in Bihar are proposed to be provided with the Telecom facilities during 1997-98.

Statement

(I) *List of tourist centres where STD/ISD/PCOs are available.*

1. Rajgir
2. Pawapuri
3. Netarhat
4. Maithan
5. Gaya
6. Barabar
7. Parasnath Madhuban
8. Rajrappa
9. Hazipur
10. Vaishali
11. Sitamarhi
12. Rikhiya
13. Kamtaul

14. Babu Barhi
15. Darbhanga
16. Kalna
17. Mangalgarh
18. Bhawanipur Pandawl
19. Rajwara

(II) *List of tourist centres without STD/ISD/PCOs.*

1. Nalanda
2. Kakolat
3. Hazaribagh
4. Usri Falls
5. Suraj Kund
6. Itkhori
7. Koleswari
8. Betla
9. Sasaram
10. Mohnia
11. Uchait
12. Bispi
13. Jaimangal Garh
14. Kapileshwar Asthan

Flights from Bhavnagar

4099. SHRI RAJU RANA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start more flights from Bhavnagar to other cities instead of only one flight to Bombay; and

(b) if so, the cities which are proposed to be connected by air from Bhavnagar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Indian Airlines, at present, operates a four times weekly service on Mumbai/Bhavnagar/Mumbai sector. Due to aircraft capacity constraints, Indian Airlines has no plans, at present, to increase its services from Bhavnagar. However, private operators, with suitable aircraft are being encouraged to add more flights in their network including Bhavnagar.

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Production of Metal and Non-Metal Ores

4100. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : SHRIMATI BHAVANABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the production of important metals and non-